Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 27 Sep 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 26 Sep 2021 at 03:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy and wet weather later on Sunday and Monday morning, also high confidence for a generally unsettled week of weather with a series of low pressures moving towards the UK later in the week.

Headline for Sunday 26 Sep 2021: Gales, some bright spells at first, heavy rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	20%	60%

Forecast for Sunday 26 Sep 2021

Weather: Mainly dry overnight with some clear spells in the east, further west will see more cloud and the chance of some light rain and drizzle on the hills. A dry start with a few sunny spells east of the A9, further west will remaining quite cloudy with some light precipitation at times. As the day goes on it will cloud over from the west with some rain by mid afternoon, this spreads east during the evening reaching all parts by nightfall, although the furthest northeast hills around Moray may remain dry, even in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: In the west, 30%, with quite extensive low cloud associated with some light rain and drizzle. East of the A9, tops will be clearer for much of the day, perhaps 80% decreasing to 50% in the evening.

Visibility: During the morning a lot of ranges will have reasonable visibility, in the far west around Loch Ossian and Ben Alder it may be poor at times in light rain and drizzle and extensive low cloud from 400m. Rain will become heavier after lunch in the west with persistent rainfall setting in for the rest of the day. During the late afternoon there may be a period of quite squally rainfall as the front cross the area. Further east of the A9 the tops of most ranges will be clear until late afternoon. In the eastern Cairngorms visibility will be reasonable for most of the day with cloud lowering in the evening as rainfall begins, there may be patches of cloud from mid afternoon from 600m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/53 S	41/53 S	44/59 S	41/56 S	39/53 S	33/45 S	11/14 NW
900	41/48 S	44/53 S	39/50 S	41/53 S	40/51 S	26/34 S	8/12 SE
600	24/30 S	28/36 S	24/33 S	29/40 S	27/39 S	17/25 S	6/10 W
300	11/27 S	13/29 S	15/32 S	17/36 S	14/32 S	8/19 SW	3/6 S
Glen	4/22 S	6/25 S	8/29 S	8/30 S	5/23 S	3/16 SW	1/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/2	6/0	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/2	5/2
900	11/6	10/5	11/6	11/6	10/5	10/6	7/4
600	13/9	13/8	13/9	14/9	13/8	11/8	9/7
300	15/13	16/13	16/14	17/13	15/12	13/12	10/10
Glen	14/14	16/14	18/15	18/15	16/14	13/12	10/10
Freezing Level*	2800m	2700m	2600m	2700m	2900m	2900m	2700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Southerly gales during the day with frequent stronger gusts on the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Monday 27 Sep 2021
Weather: A lot of heavy rain from midnight to dawn period on Monday morning, quite persistent and heavy at times, a few breaks in the rain for Speyside and the east but very wet on the hills west of the A9. Rain moving away east shortly after dawn and some sunny spells and brighter weather expected behind with a cloud clearing too. A marked fresher feel with a few afternoon showers developing.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 20-25mph, stronger gusts early in the morning but winds moderating shortly after dawn. Winds becoming gusty by late afternoon again especially around showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: From daybreak 80% with cloud clearing well after the rain, most hilltops becoming visible, perhap a few patches of cloud at first.

Visibility: After the rain clears visibility will be very good, perhaps dipping moderate in any afternoon showers. A few patches of lower cloud at 6-700m in the morning but these mostly clearing.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 falling to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 8 Celsius dropping to 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits, falling to the height of the highest munros by evening.

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